

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

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A RESOLUTION congratulating Randy Lambert on winning his 600<sup>th</sup> game as a Division III basketball coach.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize those outstanding coaches who have devoted their careers to providing guidance for Tennessee's student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Randy Lambert, head coach of the men's basketball team at Maryville College, is one such estimable individual who recently secured the 600th victory of his outstanding coaching career; and

WHEREAS, currently in his thirty-second season as the head coach of the Maryville Scots basketball team, Coach Lambert is known and respected throughout the world of Division III basketball, and beyond, for his appreciation of the game, for his influence upon his players and fellow coaches, and his preeminent stature in the arena of collegiate basketball; and

WHEREAS, Randy Lambert notched his 600<sup>th</sup> win on Saturday, February 18, 2012 in LaGrange, Georgia, after his Scots defeated the LaGrange Panthers 63-50. Coach Lambert became only the tenth Division III men's coach to reach this truly impressive milestone; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lambert is only the fifty-ninth coach in all divisions of men's basketball to reach the 600-win mark and the twenty-second to earn all of the wins as the coach of one school. He is also the fifth coach to reach 600 wins coaching for his or her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, since becoming the head coach of the Scots in 1980, Randy Lambert has led his teams, through the end of the 2011-2012 regular season, to 600 wins and only 256 losses, a winning percentage of .701; and

WHEREAS, over the past thirty-two seasons, Coach Lambert has amassed a number of other accomplishments, including leading his teams to twenty-eight winning seasons, including fifteen seasons with twenty or more wins, over that span of time and capturing all but one of the Great Southern Athletic Conference (GSAC) men's basketball regular season championships; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the helm of the Maryville Scots basketball team, Randy Lambert has pursued excellence above all else, and his dedication and commitment to the edification of his players in the finer points of the game have given them the tools necessary to find success, both on the hardwood and in life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Coach Lambert has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, players, and the good people of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body formally recognize Coach Lambert, both for this latest accomplishment and for his many contributions to the game of basketball; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Randy Lambert upon capturing his 600<sup>th</sup> win as a Division III men's basketball head coach, extending our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.